

ABSTRACT

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ALIGNMENT OF A BONDING TOOL

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The invention provides an apparatus and method for aligning a bonding tool. A force sensor having a plurality of force sensing sections is configured to measure a force generated by the bonding tool on the force sensor. Each sensing section is adapted to individually detect an amount of force from a
10 part of the bonding tool acting on that sensing section, so that an alignment of the bonding tool may be determined.

(Figure 5)